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1. PRES ECHEVERRIA WILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AND PRESENT MEXICO'S PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD FOOD BANK.

2. PRES ECHEVERRIA WILL MEET WITH THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES TUES., NOV. 12, - ALSO WILL MEET WITH PRES LEONE OF ITALY.

3. SALIENT ELEVEN POINTS OF MEXICAN WORLD BANK PROPOSAL AS REPORTED NOV 7 BY SEMI- OFFICIAL MEXICO CITY DAILY EL NACIONAL FOLLOW:

(FREE TRANSLATION)

PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WORLD FOOD BANK

ONE. TO ESTABLISH A WORLD BANK OF FOODSTUFFS, AGRICULTURAL
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SUPPLIES AND OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, WHICH WOULD RECEIVE

CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FORM OF FOOD AND OF MONEY FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES IN ACCORD WITH MECHANISMS TO BE DETERMINED.

TWO. THE BANK WOULD PRIMARILY, THOUGH NOT SOLELY, BE GEARED TOWARD ESTABLISHING A SUFFICIENTLY AMPLE RESERVE OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS, IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEM OF STARVATION CURRENTLY FACED BY VARIOUS COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATE SUPPLIES TO PREVENT CRISIS AND IMBALANCE SITUATIONS IN THE FUTURE.

THREE. THE FUNCTIONS OF THE WORLD FOOD BANK WOULD BE SUPERVISED AND REGULATED BY A PERMANENT INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL WHOSE MEMBERS WOULD BE ELECTED BY THE UN'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS WELL AS BY THE FAO CONFERENCE. FURTHERMORE, THE BANK WOULD BE DIRECTLY ADMINISTERED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTING TO THE COUNCIL AND TO BE DESIGNATED BY BOTH THE CONTRIBUTING AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES.

FOUR. AMONG THE BANK'S FUNCTIONS WOULD BE ONE OF TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PARTICULAR CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VARIOUS REGIONS AND COUNTRIES.

FIVE. ITS STRUCTURE WOULD HAVE TO BE SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE SO THAT DECISIONS COULD BE REACHED EXPEDITIOUSLY THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONAL DECENTRALIZATION.

SIX. ITS CRITERIA TO ASSIGN FUNDS OR FOOD SUPPLIES WOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY THE PERMANENT INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL.

SEVEN. THE BANK WOULD ALSO BE AN INSTRUMENT FOR PROMOTING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND SUPPORTING AND FINANCING UNDER FAVORABLE CONDITIONS AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS DESTINED TO INCREASE AND IMPROVE FOOD AVAILABILITIES.

EIGHT. IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE UNDER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITH AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES IN SHORT SUPPLY, PARTICULARLY FERTILIZER, IMPROVED SEEDS, SEED FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION, FORAGE, BALANCED ANIMAL FEEDS, MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT. ETC.

NINE. IT WOULD SIMULTANEOUSLY BE DEVOTED TO TECHNOLOGICAL AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN LINE WITH OBJECTIVES TO BE DETERMINED BY THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

TEN. THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE BANK WOULD OPERATE ON THE BASIS OF NORMS MORE FLEXIBLE AND FAVORABLE THAN THE CONVENTIONAL ONES NORMALLY APPLIED BY INTERNATIONAL FINANCING ORGANIZATIONS.

ELEVEN. THE BANK WOULD ADOPT MEASURES IN ORDER TO GRADUALLY REACH AN INTERNATIONALIZED STRUCTURE OF AGRICULTURE, OF PRODUCTION, OF AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES, OF TECHNICAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH PROMOTION, AND OF SUPPORT OF ECONOMICAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED AS THE COMMON HERITAGE OF ALL NATIONS IN THE WORLD.

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4. COMMENT: THIS MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR A WORLD FOOD BANK READS MORE LIKE A PLANK IN PRES ECHEVERRIA'S THIRD WORLD POLITICAL PLATFORM THAN A PRACTICAL PROPOSAL TO ALLEVIATE HUNGER.
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